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Applicant : Joseph A. Zupanick et al. Art Unit : 3673
Serial No. : 10/003,917 Examiner : John J. Kreck
Filed : November 1, 2001 Conf. No. : 7751
Title : METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SURFACE PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM A
SUBTERRANEAN ZONE

MAIL STOP RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF ACTION FOR CAUSE

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(a) for suspension of action by the Office for a period of six months. Issued patents to which this application claims priority are currently the subject of an ongoing litigation. Although a trial date has not been set, it is expected that, if trial occurs, it will be set for late 2007 or early 2008. Between now and the end of trial, the litigation may generate and/or identify information, a portion of which could be material to patentability of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully submit that the suspension is necessary for good and sufficient reasons, so that if any information is generated and/or identified, Applicants may disclose any information that may be material to patentability of the pending claims. Accordingly, Applicants request suspension of action by the Office for a period of six months.

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